

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of April 13, 2004 is respectfully requested.

In view of the Amendment filed December 9, 2003, claims 11-30 are presently pending in this application. In this regard, the Examiner has rejected independent claim 24 and dependent claim 30 as being anticipated by the Hamilton reference (USP 5,119,564). However, the Examiner has allowed claims 11-23, and has indicated that claims 25-29 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the above, the claims have now been amended to accept the allowable subject matter.

In particular, independent claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 25, and claim 25 has now been cancelled. In addition, dependent claims 26, 28, and 29 have been amended so as to depend directly from amended independent claim 24, rather than cancelled claim 25. In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and the above amendments, it is submitted that independent claim 24 and dependent claims 26-30 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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